



HOUSE BILL 141: Promote North Carolina Sawmills.

2021-2022 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate Agriculture, Energy, and Environment.	Date:	June 21, 2022
	If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate		
Introduced by:	Reps. Hanig, Sasser, Brody, Greene	Prepared by:	Kyle Evans
Analysis of:	PCS to Second Edition		Committee Counsel
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OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for House Bill 141 would direct the Building Code Council to amend the North Carolina Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings to allow dimension lumber that has not been grade-stamped to be used in the construction of one- and two-family dwellings when certain conditions are met.*

The PCS makes the following changes to the Second Edition of the bill:

- *Allows sawyers trained to certify rough-cut lumber to certify lumber, in addition to an inspector certified by an accredited independent third-party entity of the American Lumber Standard Committee.*
- *Removes language providing liability limitations for code enforcement officials inspecting dwellings framed with ungraded dimension lumber.*

CURRENT LAW: The North Carolina Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings currently requires that all sawn lumber and end-jointed lumber used for load-supporting purposes be identified by a grade mark or certification of inspection issued by a lumber grading or inspection agency.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1.(a) of House Bill 141 would define "dimension lumber" for purposes of the bill.

Section 1.(b) would direct the Building Code Council to amend the North Carolina Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings to allow dimension lumber that has not been grade-stamped to be used in the construction of one- and two-family dwellings, if all of the following apply:

- The lumber is sold directly from the sawmill that milled the lumber to the owner of the dwelling to be constructed, or that person's authorized representative.
- The dimension lumber meets or exceeds the requirements of the Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings other than the requirements that only grade-stamped lumber be used in residential construction.
- The lumber conforms with product and inspection standards under [American Softwood Lumber Standard PS 20](#).

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- The lumber is certified by an inspector who is certified by an accredited independent third-party agency of the American Lumber Standard Committee or by a sawyer trained to certify rough-cut lumber.
- The appropriate code enforcement official reviews the framing of the dwelling to ensure that it meets the requirements of the North Carolina Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings in all respects other than the requirements that only grade-stamped lumber be used in residential construction.

Section 1.(c) would direct the Building Code Council to adopt temporary rules to implement the act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This PCS would be effective when it becomes law and would expire when the Building Code Council has issued permanent rules substantially similar to Section 1.(b) of this act.

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